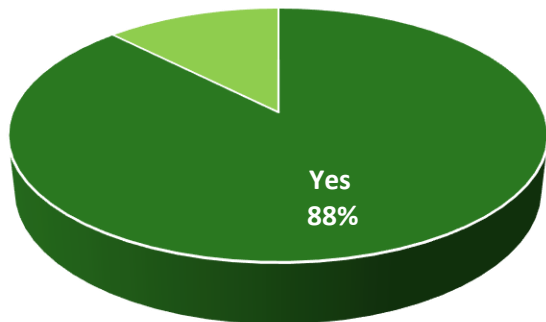


2020 Public Opinion on Global Warming in Massachusetts

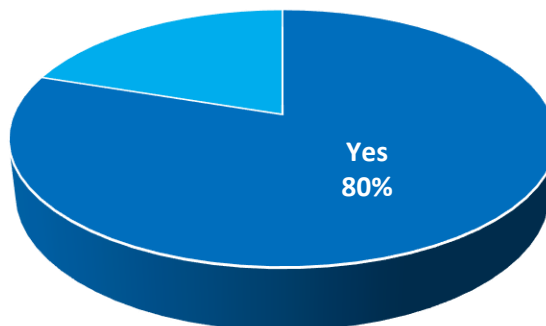
Stanford University conducted surveys that were used to generate measures of public opinion today.

Has Global Warming been Happening?



What is your personal opinion? Do you think that the world's temperature probably has been going up over the past 100 years, or do you think this probably has not been happening?

Should Government Limit Greenhouse Gas Emissions?



As you may have heard, greenhouse gases are thought to cause global warming. In your opinion do you think the government should or should not limit the amount of greenhouse gases that U.S. businesses put out?

FUNDAMENTALS

- Warming will continue in the future: 81%
- Past warming has been caused by humans: 86%
- Warming is a serious problem for the U.S.: 85%
- Warming is a serious problem for the world: 87%
- 5 degrees of warming in 75 years will be bad: 76%
- U.S. federal government should do more to address warming: 74%

ENGAGEMENT

- Warming is extremely important personally (and is likely to influence voting): 29%
- Highly knowledgeable about global warming: 79%

POLICIES

- Reduce greenhouse gases from power plants: 84%
- Favor a national cap and trade program: 69%
- Increase CAFE standards for cars: 75%
- Build appliances that use less electricity: 73%
- Build more energy-efficient buildings: 81%
- Tax breaks to produce renewable energy: 86%
- Tax breaks to reduce air pollution from coal: 62%
- Tax breaks to build nuclear power plants: 33%
- Increase consumption taxes on electricity: 35%
- Increase consumption taxes on gasoline: 49%

METHODOLOGY:

Massachusetts public opinion was measured via a series of random digital dial telephone surveys and Internet surveys of nationally representative probability samples of American adults, statistically adjusting for interview mode and changes in opinions over time. More details on methodology can be found [here](#).

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